**Statement**

(in lakhs)

| Name of the State | (As on 1-4-1991) No. of persons on the waiting list for LPG connection |
|---|---|
| 1. Andhra Pradesh | 3.20 |
| 2. Arunachal Pradesh | 0.06 |
| 3. Assam | 0.91 |
| 4. Bihar | 1.57 |
| 5. Goa | 0.36 |
| 6. Gujarat | 5.40 |
| 7 Haryana | 2.67 |
| 8. Himachal Pradesh | 0.25 |
| 9. Jammu & Kashmir | 0.29 |
| 10. Karnataka | 2.62 |
| 11. Kerala | 2.23 |
| 12. Madhya Pradesh | 3.38 |
| 13. Maharashtra | 11.61 |
| 14. Manipur | 0.13 |
| 15. Meghalaya | 0.10 |
| 16. Mizoram | 0.08 |
| 17. Nagaland | 0.10 |
| 18. Orissa | 0.45 |
| 19. Punjab | 3.71 |
| 20. Rajasthan | 3.40 |
| 21. Sikkim | 0.02 |
| 22. Tamil Nadu | 6.14 |
| 23 Tripura | 0.17 |
| 24. Uttar Pradesh | 9.05 |
| 25. West Bengal | 5.13 |
| **Union Territories** | |
| 1. Andaman & Nicobar | 0.03 |
| 2. Chandigarh | 0.78 |
| 3. Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 0.01 |
| 4. Delhi | 5.54 |
| 5. Daman | 0.03 |
| 6. Lakshdweep | 0.00 |
| 7. Pondicherry | 0.16 |
| 8. Silvasa | 0.00 |
| 9. Diu | 0.00 |
| TOTAL: | 69.58 |

Filling up of posts in Safdarjung Hospital

53. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1168 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Employment Exchange had sponsored the lists of the eligible candidates to Safdarjung Hospital for the post *dt* Masalchi and Bearer long back; and

(b) if so, by when their interviews/ selections are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Employment Exchange sponsored the list of the eligible candidates on 20.9-1991.

(b) Interview for the candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange has been fixed for 29-11-91. The interview call letters have already been dispatched.

**Vacancies of Group D posts in Delhi Administration**

54. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister 6f HOME AFFAIRS toe pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of vacancies in Group 'D' posts have been lying vacant in vari ous departments of Delhi Administra tion i.e. Chowkidar in Education Department Cook in Social Welfare, Nursing Orderly in G.T.B. Hospital and Attendants in Directorate of Health Service since long;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the nominees sponsored by the Employment Exchange have been waiting since long and no arrangements for their interviews/selection have been made so far; and

(c) rf so, by when all formalities for their selection are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Delhi Administration have reported the following vacancies:

| Name of the Department | Name of the post | No. of vacancies |
|---|---|---|
| Department of Education | Chowkidar | 57 |
| Directorate of Socal Welfare | Cook | 6 |
| Guru Teg Bahadur Hostital | Nursing Orderly | 12 |
| | | 3 |
| Directorate of Health Services | Attendants/Nursing Orderly | 5 |

(b) and (c) In the Department of Education, out of 57 vacancies 50 are earmarked for the existing part-time CIass.IV employees.

In respect of the remaining 7 posts which are to be filled up by direct recruitment, the Department of Education have sought certain clarification from the Employment Exchange.

Interviews Tor filling the posts of 6 cooks in the Directorate of Social Welfare are fixed 27th November, 1991.

As regards the filling up of vacancies in Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, the list of candidates issued by the Employment Exchange was not found to be complete as the names of ex-Servicemen were not included. The Employment Exchange have been reminded to do so.

Of the 53 vacant posts of Attendants/Nursing Orderlies etc., 15 posts are earmarked for Lai Bahadur Shastri Hospital, Khichripur. The hospital has not started functioning as yet. Of the remaining 38 vacancies, candidates for filling 11 vacancies have been selected. For the remaining 27 vacancies, the list of candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange has been received only towards the end of last month.

**Increase in pension of Freedom Fighters**

55. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the pension of Freedom Fighters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): No such proposal is under consideration at present.

**Sterlization cases**

56. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of sterlization done in the country during the last two years;

(b) what affective steps are proposed to be taken by Government to check the increasing birth rate in the country; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to enact a law to check the birth rate in the country?